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Idaho Milk Production Up 8.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2010 totaled 1.09 billion pounds, an 8.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 4.5 percent down from August 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. August 2010 milk production was revised to 1.14 billion pounds, down 4 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in September 2010 was 1,910 pounds, up 60 pounds from September 2009. The average number of milk cows during September was 571,000 head, up 25,000 from September 2009 and unchanged from August 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from September 2009. August revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from August 2009. The August revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,729 pounds for September, 54 pounds above September 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 31,000 head more than September 2009, and 4,000 head more than August 2010.